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Let Women Vote Next Year

An officer of the National Woman's party declares that whether women of the United States are enfranchised in time for the presidential election of 1921 depends upon five western states, in all of which suffrage is unrestricted by sex. If the governors of Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Wyoming and Oklahoma will call special legislative sessions to ratify the constitutional amendment, there are enough states ready to take similar action to assure approval by the requisite thirty-six within a few months, it is declared.

The situation demands that suffrage organizations unite for strong action to arouse the sleeping West to its responsibility. The great issues before the nation today, and certain to be before the electorate in 1920, demand the widest possible public expression in twenty-seven states; but they should be assured the same right in the other twenty-one.

Equal franchise is inevitable; at most it is but a matter of months. It would be monstrous for the women of the East to be denied the right to vote next year because of the unconcern of the women of the West who have that right.

Already the federal amendment has been ratified by nineteen states, representing more than 63,000,000 people. Seventeen states, representing perhaps 25,000,000 people, are all that stand between the American women and franchise. Women are entitled to the vote, not in some lazy, inconsequential future—but now, for 1920.

Kerensky Attacks British

A statement in a leading newspaper of London by Alexander F. Kerensky, former premier and "dictator" of Russia, indicates that a changed view has come to the late storm center of Russian politics, perhaps because he has encountered facts which have cleared up in his mind what should have been plain enough when he was in position of authority.

The high spot in his statement is that the three leaders of "governments" in Russia, Kolchak, Denikine and Yudenitch, are closely surrounded and manipulated by all the "soundrels of the old Romanoff regime," and that wherever they have had opportunity their conduct has been worse than that of the Bolsheviks. The lesser charge in his denunciation is that England has been directly and actively in support of these men, a fact which he thinks should bring the blush of shame to British cheeks. The reign of terror instituted by Kolchak, Denikine and Yudenitch, Kerensky considers the one explanation of the failure of their enterprise to overthrow the Bolsheviks.

Kerensky's appeal for a parliamentary commission may fall upon deaf ears unless he can develop information of more importance than that in his latest statement, because that has been commonly known in England for some time. He should not be hurt if the British government reminds him that what Kolchak and Denikine are trying to do is largely what he wanted to accomplish, and in which he failed in a manner which deprives his name of even ordinary respect.

A Plebeian Prince

And so King Ferdinand and Queen Marie of Rumania, are in tears because Prince Charles prefers his pretty young wife to the shaky old throne of his forefathers!

Isn't it sad that a son should behave so badly? Does not Charles know that his father and mother didn't raise their son to be a decent married man? Doesn't he know it is much more important that he marry somebody he doesn't love and wear a crown than to marry the girl of his heart and settle down to the earning of a real, honest-to-goodness livelihood?

We fear Charles' education must have been sadly neglected. May be during the hectic days of the war he met up with a parcel of those low-born American toughboys who behaved so rudely in Europe recently and became contaminated with their plebeian ideas about love and marriage.

And to think he would disgrace his family by saying right out before everybody that he prefers his wife to riches and would sooner be happy than be king!

What's the royalty of Europe coming to, anyway? First thing we know this incredible youth will be actually working for a living and may be sending his children to the public schools. It would seem he is really just such an impossible person.

Training For Marriage

When Canadian and Australian soldiers in England exhibited so great a disposition to marry English girls, it was some one with a look to the future that realized that if many of these marriages contracted as romances of war were not to be wrecked by the young wife's unfamiliarity with the demands that would be made upon her when transported to her new home across the seas, some instruction was needed in the duties and responsibilities of wifehood.

This led to the opening of "Khaki Colleges," and the institution, which has just been closed because its mission was ended gave training to 15,000 young women. The instruction took the form of training in lines on which the bride would have most need and the course embraced about everything in which a woman should have practical knowledge. So successful is the experiment declared to be that similar schools will be opened for like training of girls not going to the dominions.

If such a school should prove a success in training wives for life far from birthplace and amid unaccustomed duties, in view of the failure of no considerable part of our marriages where there is not the excuse of contrast and unfamiliarity with surroundings, might not wife-training schools with required graduation previous to marriage prove effective in averting many of the wrecks that line the nuptial way?

It is true a course in such an institution in bringing the prospective wife down from the air to a realization of just what marriage means might cause some engagements to be broken, but better an easily mended heart than shattered marriage vows.

And if such instruction would be good for the prospective wife, it doubtless would not be less beneficial to the prospective husband. To exhibit to the eye what it meant to marry and the responsibilities that it entails might save hearts from throbbing sadly but too late. The English plan certainly has possibilities for practical application, but such a movement should not be confined to women.

THAT PROHIBITION speaker who declares the dry era is the result of suicide by the liquor business evidently has no bouquets for the organizations who admit "we did it."

IF IT IS TRUE that Russians are joining anarchist societies in the hope of being sent home without cost to themselves, there may be some method in their madness.

THOUGH IT SEEMS incredible, we have no reason to doubt the authenticity of the report that two sugar profiteers have been sent to jail in New York.

BILL FIGHTING has been restored in Mexico City. Further evidence that Mexicans are still true to traditions of cruelty.

AND CLEMENCEAU seems to have won without once threatening to hang the ex-kaiser. Will Lloyd George please notice?

"ERSATZ" sugar is now on the market. Thus we suffer anew for Germany's crimes.

THE NUMEROUS "dry" decisions make Kentucky all the more an outpost of an oasis.

"RADICAL PROPAGANDA WILL NOT RAISE ITS HEAD IN CINCI" SAY LEGION MEN WHO RAIDED SOCIALIST ROOMS



Interior of Socialist and I. W. W. headquarters in Cincinnati after raid, and partition which soldiers smashed.

Three hundred soldiers, members of the Robert E. Bentley Post of the American Legion at Cincinnati, recently took matters into their own hands and raided rooms used by the Socialist party and the I. W. W. wrecking the headquarters

and destroying great quantities of Socialist and Red literature. The raid was conducted in an orderly fashion. When bonfires they built to burn the Red literature had died down the men swept the ashes into neat piles.

The legion members have issued orders that the I. W. W. agitators and adherents must leave the city within two weeks. "We are not going to allow radical propaganda to show its head in Cincinnati," say the soldiers.

The Passing Show

AFTER a married man has had a WIFE or an auto for a while HE is not as crazy about either of them as HE was when he first got them. ANOTHER little pathetic feature OF everyday life IS the way the non-transferable FOOTBALL passes GO to the managing editors instead OF to the office boys who NEED them so badly. ONE thing which we in a spirit of fairness WILL concede about wife's relatives IS that we pay for them on the INSTALLMENT plan. INSTEAD of all in a lump. DOES the trial of the murderers OF THE soldiers in Centralia have to await THE settlement of the League of Nations? MAN from Ohio, which went wet, HAS been selected at Washington as

FEDERAL Prohibition Commissioner. YOU never can tell, can you? ANOTHER thing that jars A MARRIED man is the fact that IF he tries to save any money HE gets a reputation for being mean TO his wife. IT'S always safe to judge a woman's wardrobe BY the clothes she takes with her WHEN she goes out of town for a couple of days. THEY are the best she has. PERHAPS the wets will have to be dissatisfied WITH this definition: BEER is something that was but isn't. THE mystique of the unknown exert A STRONG influence upon the HUMAN mind and a PARAGRAPHER often wonders, with a feeling THAT he's missing something in life HOW it would seem to be fat enough to

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